MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Has not the Director made any reference about that in his report?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He does not say anything as to the nature of the diet. The report contains the total cost incurred in connection with dieting charges.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): How are the Government to know the cost of the dieting charges?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): On the report of the Director.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Should not the Government make an enquiry?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is a report of the Director and the Government are satisfied with that. Now I am informed that vegetarian diet is usually given to Giraffes.

The expenditure for 8 months on account of dieting charges will come to Rs. 640 for these *animals* alone. The Director has now asked for an allotment of Rs. 1000, Government think that this amount is reasonable.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): So the Government are satisfied, without the Director submitting facts about the nature of the diet, as to its probable cost and all that.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know what, according to the Director, would cost him, to keep a cow within the Museum?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is a hypothetical question. There are ever so many varieties of cows *e. g*, Nellor breed, big and small.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How would the cost stand between the cows and these animals?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think this question requires any answer.

Under these circumstances it is proposed to provide an additional allotment of Rs. 1000 for maintenance charges of the animals in the Zoo.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions the demand?

—The grant was made.

DEMAND XX.—SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 782 for the purchrse of almyrahs to stock the Malayalam publications in the office of the Curator for the Publication of Malayalam Manuscripts.

Since the inception of a separate department for the publication of Malayalm Manuscripts, all the copies of the publications issued by it were till now stocked and held for sale in the Government Press under

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the supervision of the Superintendent thereof. But owing to the utter lack of space in the Press to stock all the copies numbering about 20,000 the Superintendent suggested that, just as the stocking and sale of the Sanskrit publications are entrusted to the Sanskrit Curator, the sale of the Malayalam publications might also be entrusted to the Malayalam Curator and all the copies of the publications now kept in the Press might be transferred to his custody.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Does the Curator propose to sell these things or intend to keep these things?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He is making arrangements for selling these books also.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has any attempt been made hitherto in the direction of selling these publications?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Such a thing was several times urged when these books were under the custody of the Superintendent, Government Press.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): How many copies have been sold?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Very few.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Has there been any advertisement in the Gazette to that effect?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know. There were some contractors for this purpose but they were not up to the promise.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know whether these books can be used as text-books?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is a matter for the Text-Book Committee to enquire.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Have the Government requested the Text-Book Committee to consider the publication issued by the Curator for the publication of Malayalam Manuscripts?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The matter will be considered.

To stock and preserve these 20,000 copies, at least eight almyrahs costing Rs. 782 in all will be required. Six of the almyrahs have already been purchased from the P. W. D. Workshops, and the accounts have not been adjusted for want of funds. As there are no funds for the purpose in the Departmental budget for the current year to meet the expenditure, the Curator has asked for an additional allotment of Rs. 782. Government consider that the expenditure is necessary and that the additional allotment asked for in the budget of the Department for 1103 may be sanctioned.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions the demand?

The grant was made.

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